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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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TAGS: PFOR, TH, US

SUBJECT: WRAP-UP OF MR. INGERSOLL'S VISIT TO THAILAND

REF: A. BANGKOK 2069; B. BANGKOK 2070

1. DURING HIS VISIT TO BANKOK FEBRUARY 4-6, ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL PAID CALLS ON THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE COMPANY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND ON SEATO SECRETARY GENERAL, SUNTHORN HONGLADAROM. REFTELS CONTAIN THE RECORD OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PORTIONS OF THE CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER. WE HAVE POUCHED THE

MEMCON OF THE SUNTHORN CALL TO EA, EA/RA, AND EA/TB.

2. THE AMBASSADOR HOSTED A DINNER WHICH THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ATTENDED IN ADDITION TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER, KUKRIT PRAMOTE, AND SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR RTG AND UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS. MEMCONS FROM THIS DINNER, NOT ALL OF WHICH INVOLVED MR. INGERSOLL, ARE LIKEWISE BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. WE ARE ALSO POUCHING TO EA AND EXTENSIVE BRIEFING BOOK THAT WE PREPARED IN ORDER TO SUBSTANTIATE AND GIVE THE BACKGROUND ON POINTS RAISED IN THE MISSION WORKING SESSION. WE HAVE EXPANDED IT SOMEWHAT TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS MR. INGERSOLL ASKED, AND TO SIGNAL ALL ITEMS REQUIRING WASHINGTON ATTENTION.

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4. COMMENT: THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S VISIT PROVED HIGHLY

USEFUL IN CLEARING THE AIR WITH THE RTG AFTER THE PEAK OF PUBLIC CRITICISM AGAINST THE U.S. PRESENCE DURING MID-JANUARY. THE PRIME AND FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO ILLUSTRATE THAT THEY WISH TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. BY LAUNCHING AN ECONOMIC APPROACH AND DOWNPLAYING MILITARY AND SECURITY CONNECTIONS, THOUGH THEY ALSO REGARD THESE OF CONTINUING IMPORTANCE. RTG LEADERS WERE ALSO CONSIDERATE IN NOT RAISING EMBARRASSING ISSUES LIKE THE CIA LETTER FLAP, NOR CONTROVERSIAL ONES LIKE THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND.

5. LOW-KEY PRESS REACTIONS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.  
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